

## Anglian Water - Regulatory Position Statement – 007 (COVID-19 specific)

### Disposal of beer and cider from public houses, clubs, restaurants and other similar establishments

**Background** - The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of many business premises. These include public houses, clubs, restaurants and similar establishments. This has resulted in a requirement to dispose of the contents of kegs/casks that were broached at the time of the closure. Normally these would be returned to source, but our understanding is that this is not possible at the present time.

Anglian Water would normally seek to regulate this type of activity through a permitting or consenting process. However, given the unprecedented nature of the current situation and unless Anglian Water have stated otherwise in writing, we are prepared to allow the discharge of such liquids into our network if the conditions stated in the '*Our Approach*' section below are adhered to. Note: This document applies until such time as relevant establishments are allowed to re-open or a practical alternative disposal route is available, whichever is the sooner.

**Our Approach** - In order to discharge to sewer, the following conditions must be complied with:

- All current HMRC guidance must be followed.
- Kegs/casks must have been broached at the time of the closure of the premises, the contents of all un-broached kegs/casks must not be discharged into our network without the specific written permission of Anglian Water (see '*What we expect from you*' below).
- The discharge must be made to the foul sewer and not to a surface water sewer.
- The discharge must be made between the hours of 07:00 and 12:00 only, this is to ensure that there is maximum dilution in the sewerage network.
- The flow rate must not exceed one litre per second to ensure that it does not surcharge local sewers, cause flooding and/or overload the receiving water recycling centre (waste water treatment works). In rural areas no more than one broached keg/cask can be disposed of in any period of 60 minutes. If a higher rate of disposal is required you must contact Anglian Water and obtain our written permission.
- The discharge must be made from a public house, club, restaurant or similar premises – this Regulatory Position Statement does not apply to breweries including micro-breweries on public house premises. All brewery discharges require a specific written consent.
- Written records of volume, date/time of disposal and the liquid disposed of must be kept for inspection by Anglian Water staff at the premises where the discharge has been made.

Note: It is an offence under s.111 of the Water Industry Act 1991 to discharge anything to a sewer which will adversely impact on the sewerage network or water recycling centre treatment processes. Any discharge not covered by a permit or consent is subject to this part of the Act.

**Enforcement** - In not pursuing an application for a permit or consent we will not normally take enforcement action unless the discharge has caused, or is likely to cause, an impact on public health, Anglian Water's operations and/or the wider environment including watercourses.

**What we expect from you** - If you have any queries regarding this document and its applicability to your discharge you must contact Anglian Water. To discharge the contents of un-broached kegs/casks you will need to contact us in all cases and obtain the specific written permission of Anglian Water. Such permission will depend on operational constraints. We can be contacted via email at [TradeEffluent@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:TradeEffluent@anglianwater.co.uk). Your retailer may also be able to help.